

C O N F I D E N T I A LCOUNTER INTELLIGENCE CORPS
MOROCCAN TRAVEL CONTROL DETACHMENTA.P.O. 759 ^{AFM} U.S. ARMYPlace: ARBAOUA SECTIONDate: 11 May 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE.

SUBJECT:

Spanish Deserters

RE:

1. MORA-DOMINGO, Jose Antonio Jaime
2. GOMEZ-PARA, Alfonso
3. ANTONY-GOLESO, Ilario
4. REPOSITO-ALVAREZ, Manuel
5. MARTIN-ALBERNUCH, Raphael

The above named Spanish deserters gave themselves up to the "D.A.T.", (anti-aircraft defence unit) at Moulay Bou Selhem on 7 May 1944. Questioning by the "Gendarmerie Nationale" and this Agent produced the following:

1. MORA-DOMINGO, Jose Antonio Jaime. Born at Barcelona, Spain, 17 March 1921. Subject is Andorran by nationality, and is an automobile mechanic by trade. Subject was a private of the 5^e Tercio, Cannon Company, of Larache. Subject in the company of GOMEZ-PARA, and ANTONY-GOLESO crossed the frontier at Moulay Bou Selhem on 7 May 1944 at 2300 hours, after following the coast down from Larache, Spanish Morocco.

In July 1938, Subject was repatriated to Andorra by way of France with the help of the French consul at Barcelona. In August 1940, Subject went to France, and for 7 months worked in a hat factory at Quillan, Andes. Upon reaching the age of 18, Subject, rather than serve in the French Foreign Legion, (for which he became eligible), crossed into Spain where he was apprehended by the Spanish police. He was sentenced to 30 months in prison as a political prisoner. Upon his release, he went to France, and for 8 months worked at the Renault automobile factory as a mechanic. Subject then recrossed into Spain where he stayed for 10 months at the home of relatives. Subject then claims that he volunteered in the Spanish Foreign Legion because he planned to desert at the first opportunity. He was affected to the above named unit on 12 April 1944. On 17 April 1944 he arrived at Larache, Spanish Morocco. On 6 May 1944 he deserted because he believed that there were American units on the frontier and that he wanted to join the American army. When interviewed by this Agent Subject gave his age as 20 years old while on his certificate of nationality and matriculation, issued by the French consul at Sere on 30 August 1943, it is shown to be 23. Subject also told this Agent that he belonged to the 92nd division at Larache, and that there were about 8,000 troops around Larache, but only about a battalion on the frontier. Subject has agreed to enter the French Foreign Legion for the duration.

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1. **OSCAR-PARRA**, Alfonso. Born at Arboleas, province of Almeria, Spain on 11 July 1922. Subject is of Spanish nationality and had no trade in civilian life. Subject was a private of the 3rd Tercio Cannon Company at Larache. Subject had never left Spain before coming to Morocco. He crossed into French Morocco in the company of **MORA-DOMINGO**, and **ANTONY-COLESO** at the same place. Subject in the course of questioning, alleged that he is an enemy of the Franco regime, and that he was mistreated by his officers and non-commissioned officers who many times resorted to force to attain results. Subject has agreed to join the French Foreign Legion for the duration.

2. **ANTONY-COLESO**, Elario. Born at Sara, Spain, 21 September 1924. Subject is of Spanish nationality. He belonged to the same military unit as **MORA-DOMINGO** and **OSCAR-PARRA** above, was friendly with both and crossed the frontier at the same time and place. Subject lived in France between 1940-1942. He worked on the farm of M. Castagne of Iasse, canton of Labaret, Landes for 6 months; on the farm of M. Ulysee Montrojean de Monfaucan, Haute Garonne for 9 months; and at the saw-mill of M. Uvide Maurillon of Bagneres de Luchon, Haute Garonne for 7 months. In February 1942, Subject returned to Spain with a passport issued at the Spanish Consulate at Toulouse, France. Subject failed to tell the French but confided to this Agent that he had thought that there were American troops at frontier, and that he wanted to join the American forces and fight for America as his father had done in 1917-18. He furthermore told this Agent that his father who was wounded in the last war is at present a patient at the Soldier's Home in Washington, D.C.

3. **RODRIGO-ALVAREZ**, Manuel. Born La Corogne, Galicia, Spain, 24 August 1919. Subject is of Spanish nationality, is a private from the 7thnd Artillery at Arcilla. Subject had never left Spain before coming to Morocco. He claims to be an enemy of the present regime, and that he was maltreated by his officers. Subject told this Agent that his battery was equipped with British guns which are at least 20 to 25 years old. Subject has been in the army for 14 months. He has agreed to serve in French Foreign Legion for the duration.

4. **MARTIN-ALBERRUQUE**, Raphael. Born at Madrid, Spain, 1 November 1919. Subject is of Spanish nationality. He was a private of the 3rd Tercio, 8th Bandera, 3rdnd Company of the Spanish Foreign Legion at Larache. Subject entered French Morocco at Moulay Bou Selham on 7 May 1944 and surrendered to the D.A.F.* Subject claims to be an enemy of the Franco regime and has agreed to serve in the French Foreign Legion.

All of the above named claim that food conditions are better in the army than in Spain. They further claim that they had meat (mainly pork) at least once a day, and occasionally fresh vegetables.

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AGENT'S NOTES:

Because of their residence in France under German occupation this Agent suggests that a discreet surveillance be placed on Subjects MOHA-DOMINGO and ANTONI-COLAS. Also the allegation of ANTONI-COLAS that his father is a patient at the Soldiers Home in Washington, D.C. should be checked for verification.

Nicholas A. Natsios
Agent, C.I.C.

EVALUATION

Source: Usually reliable

Information: Possibly true report

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5. MARTIN-ALBERRUCHI, Raphael. Born at Madrid, Spain, 1 November 1919, Subject is of Spanish nationality. He was a private of the 3rd Tercio, 8th Bandera, 32nd Company of the Spanish Foreign Legion at Larache, Subject entered French Morocco at Moulay Bou Selham on 7 May 1944 and surrendered to the D.A.T. Subject claims to be an enemy of the Franco regime and has agreed to serve in the French Foreign Legion.

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